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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/719,819

Examiner

PATRICK A. DARNO

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/11/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-18,20-32 and 34-47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. No new claims are added. Claims 3, 19, and 33 are canceled. Claims 1-2, 34, 38-39, and 41 are amended. Claims 1-2, 4-18, 20-32, and 34-47 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Claim 34: (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium that is readable by a database system, having stored therein at least a database table, wherein:
~~a database table containing a plurality of data items on the computer readable media that correspond to locations associated with at least one dimension value;~~
~~wherein each data item of the plurality of data items is stored in the table in an order dictated by a dimension value combination to which said each data item corresponds, wherein the dimension value combination, to which said each data item corresponds, corresponds to one or more dimension columns defined for the database table; and~~
each row in the database table corresponds to a dimension-value combination for a set of one or more dimensions;

the database table is composed of a plurality of segments, wherein each segment of the plurality of segments (a) corresponds to a different contiguous range of dimension-value combinations and (b) includes a different set of one or more rows, wherein at least one segment of the plurality of segments includes multiple rows;

the boundaries of each segment, of the plurality of segments, are established based on gaps in dimension-value combinations associated with rows stored in the database table;

each gap covers at least one valid dimension-value combination that is not associated with any row in the database table;

the segment into which a row of the database table is stored is the segment that corresponds to the contiguous range that includes the dimension-value combination to which the row corresponds; and

within each segment of the plurality of segments, rows of the database table are stored at locations based on the dimension-value combination to which the rows correspond;

wherein the database table (a) does not store values for the one or more dimension columns and (b) does not store values that are derived from dimension values associated with the one or more dimension columns.

Claim 35: (canceled)

Claim 36: (canceled)

Claim 37: (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim ~~36~~34, wherein the computer-readable storage medium also has stored therein at least:

another table storing identifiers for determining the locations stored within each segment of the ~~one or more~~ plurality of segments.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: After reviewing the Applicant's remarks and granting further consideration to the prior art that has been cited to date, it appears that World Intellectual Property Organization Publication Number WO 01/33427 issued to Raymond Roccaforte [hereinafter "Roccaforte"] fails to teach and/or suggest all the limitations of independent claims 1, 34, 38, and 39. Specifically, Roccaforte fails to disclose wherein "the boundaries of each segment, of the plurality of segments, are established based on gaps in dimension-value combinations associated with rows stored in the database table; each gap covers at least one valid dimension-value combination that is not associated with any row in the database table."

An additional reference discovered in a further search is U.S. Patent Number 6,003,036 issued to Michael W. Martin [hereinafter "Martin"]. There appear to be some similarities among Martin the claimed invention. However, a difference arises that causes the claimed invention to be patentably distinct from Martin. In Martin, the partitions or segments of the database table are made by summing the number of rows, and then partitioning the total number of rows into a fixed number of equal-sized intervals [Martin: column 5, lines 26-38]. In contrast, the Applicant's claimed invention establishes the boundaries of each of its partitions or segments of

the database table based upon gaps in dimension-value combinations associated with rows stored in the database table [Applicants claims 1, 34, 38, and 39]. As a result, the Examiner concludes that Martin fails to disclose wherein "the boundaries of each segment, of the plurality of segments, are established based on gaps in dimension-value combinations associated with rows stored in the database table; each gap covers at least one valid dimension-value combination that is not associated with any row in the database table."

The preceding limitations, when combined with the rest of the claim limitations recited in claim 1 34, 38, and 39 result in a combination of elements that is both novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.

4. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PATRICK A. DARNO whose telephone number is (571)272-0788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ali can be reached on (571) 272-4105. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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